



Massachusetts Department of Public Health

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION #107212 Public Health District Incentive Grant Program

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) intends to issue a Request for Responses (RFR) in December, 2010 for the Public Health District Incentive Grant Program. The Program is funded under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 as part of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) "Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure to Improve Health Outcomes" initiative.

The purpose of the program is to provide financial support for groups of municipalities to enter into formal, long term agreements to share resources and coordinate activities in order to improve the scope, quality, and effectiveness of local public health services for their combined populations. MDPH has received a five year award from CDC for the program. The RFR will seek planning grant proposals from applicants representing groups of municipalities who seek to form public health districts. Planning grant recipients will be eligible to submit proposals by September 30, 2011 under an additional RFR process to receive multi-year implementation grants.

The draft RFR is posted on Comm-Pass (document #107212). This notice is being sent for distribution through the Health and Homeland Alert Network (HHAN) and through the five statewide Massachusetts public health professional associations that comprise the Coalition for Local Public Health.

To review the draft RFR on Comm-Pass: Go onto the Internet to address: www.comm-pass.com. Click on the Solicitations tab, and then click on Search for a Solicitation. Enter **107212** into the Document Number field, then press Search. "There is 1 Solicitation found that matches your search criteria" will appear at the top of the screen. Click on the eyeglasses on the top line to OPEN. The RFI and the draft RFR is posted on the Intent tab.

MDPH invites public comment about the draft RFR before the final RFR is issued in late December, 2010. Interested parties may submit comments about the draft RFR by email to Geoff Wilkinson, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Commissioner, MDPH, at geoff.wilkinson@state.ma.us by 5:00 p.m. on December 16, 2010. MDPH will also hold six public meetings across the state to answer questions about the Public Health District Incentive Grant Program and to accept comment about the draft RFR. Interested parties are encouraged to attend any of the following meetings:

Friday, December 10, 2010

9:30 am – 11:00 am **Lenox:** Town Hall, 6 Walker Street
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm **Northampton:** MDPH Western Regional Health Office, 23 Service Center Road
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Worcester:** Worcester Health Department, 25 Meade St., Room 109

Monday, December 13, 2010

9:30 am – 11:00 am **Canton:** MDPH MetroBoston Regional Health Office, Donovan Building
Conference Room, 5 Randolph Street
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm **Tewksbury:** MDPH Northeast Regional Health Office, Tewksbury Hospital,
Saunders Building, 365 East Street
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm **New Bedford:** MDPH Southeast Regional Health Office, 1736 Purchase Street